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HOUSE BILL 555

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE; REQUIRING STANDARD CO-PAYMENTS ON
PRESCRIPTION DRUG PURCHASES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 13, Article 7 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] Any health care coverage, including any
form of self-insurance, offered, issued or renewed under the
Health Care Purchasing Act on or after July 1, 2003 that offers
prescription drug coverage with co-payments by the insured
shall require that co-payments be the same for any prescribed
drug, in the same quantity and for the same duration, whether
the prescription is dispensed by a retail pharmacy, by mail
order or by any other means."

Section 2. A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 22 NMSA

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1 1978 is enacted to read:

2 "[NEW MATERIAL] An individual or group hospital or medical
3 expense insurance policy offered, issued or renewed in New
4 Mexico on or after July 1, 2003 that offers prescription drug
5 coverage with co-payments by the insured shall require that co-
6 payments be the same for any prescribed drug, in the same
7 quantity and for the same duration, whether the prescription is
8 dispensed by a retail pharmacy, by mail order or by any other
9 means. "

10 Section 3. A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 23 NMSA
11 1978 is enacted to read:

12 "[NEW MATERIAL] Each group health insurance policy
13 offered, issued or renewed in New Mexico on or after July 1,
14 2003 that offers prescription drug coverage with co-payments by
15 the insured shall require that co-payments be the same for any
16 prescribed drug, in the same quantity and for the same
17 duration, whether the prescription is dispensed by a retail
18 pharmacy, by mail order or by any other means. "

19 Section 4. A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 46 NMSA
20 1978 is enacted to read:

21 "[NEW MATERIAL] All individual and group health
22 maintenance organization contracts offered, issued or renewed
23 in New Mexico on or after July 1, 2003 that offer prescription
24 drug coverage with co-payments by the enrollee shall require
25 that co-payments be the same for any prescribed drug, in the

1 same quantity and for the same duration, whether the
2 prescription is dispensed by a retail pharmacy, by mail order
3 or by any other means. "

4 Section 5. A new section of Chapter 59A, Article 47 NMSA
5 1978 is enacted to read:

6 "[NEW MATERIAL] Any individual and group subscriber
7 contracts offered, issued or renewed in New Mexico on or after
8 July 1, 2003 that offer prescription drug coverage with
9 co-payments by the subscriber shall require that co-payments be
10 the same for any prescribed drug, in the same quantity and for
11 the same duration, whether the prescription is dispensed by a
12 retail pharmacy, by mail order or by any other means. "

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